

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled to place the case in a condition for allowance since claims 10 and 11 do not further the limitation of independent claim 1 according to 35 USC 112, 4th paragraph and the Applicant elected claims 1-9, 12 and 13 without traverse on 01/25/2008.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1 and 14 are allowable for setting forth an electric personal care device comprising a pump for dispensing a liquid having a resilient wall, a control structure having an inclined surface movable between a first position and a second position, a rod being movable by a motor and arranged between the motor and the control structure, wherein the rod is movable between a pushing position for displacing the resilient wall inwardly and a return position for returning the resilient wall its original position.

For example, Furst et al. (6,594,905) teaches a an electric personal care device comprising a pump 13 for dispensing a liquid having a resilient wall 63, a control structure 5 having an inclined surface movable between a first position and a second position, a rod (53, 54) being movable by a motor and arranged on the side of the motor and the control structure but not between the motor and the control structure as claimed.

Arranging the control structure between the motor and the rod will destroy the function of the electric personal care device.

Applicant's Oath is now deemed to be acceptable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHONG H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-4510. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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